DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

Re: INTELENCE
Docket No. FDA-2008-E-0307

The Honorable Jon Dudas
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Director Dudas:

This is in regard to the application for patent term extension for U.S. Patent No. 7,037,917 filed by Janssen Pharmaceutica, N.V., under 35 U.S.C. section 156. The human drug product claimed by the patent is INTELENCE (etravirine), which was assigned new drug application (NDA) No. 22-187.

A review of the Food and Drug Administration's official records indicates that this product was subject to a regulatory review period before its commercial marketing or use, as required under 35 U.S.C. section 156(a)(4). Our records also indicate that it represents the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product, as defined under 35 U.S.C. section 156(f)(1), and interpreted by the courts in *Glaxo Operations UK Ltd. v. Quigg*, 706 F. Supp. 1224 (E.D. Va. 1989), *aff'd*, 894 F. 2d 392 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

The NDA was approved on January 18, 2008, which makes the submission of the patent term extension application on March 12, 2008, timely within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. section 156(d)(1).

Should you conclude that the subject patent is eligible for patent term extension, please advise us accordingly. As required by 35 U.S.C. section 156(d)(2)(A) we will then determine the applicable regulatory review period, publish the determination in the *Federal Register*, and notify you of our determination.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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